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The [GPTF](#) is looking for volunteers to spread the green gospel at the St. John's Episcopal Church Farmer's Market on 1 Hudson Street in the Square on Thursdays anytime between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through November 19.

Our table promises to be one of the most popular at the market, offering demonstrations on everything from worm composting to energy savings and recycling, as well as providing folks with useful brochures that explain reduce/reuse/recycle mandates.

Still, we need your help and expertise to make it happen. If last week's storm wasn't enough to further motivate people's commitments toward greening the environment, we aren't sure what will!

If interested, please email laura.f.ahrenthold@yonkersny.gov to sign up. Spanish speakers a big plus!

Guess Who's Coming to Town?



We wish it were Al Gore but are happy to welcome the The Mobile Shredder's return visit Saturday, July 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the city's Recycling Center on 735 Saw Mill River Road.

July is the time to gather all your outdated paperwork to feed to the shredder. (Click [here](#) to see the machine in action.) The idea is not only to recycle, but also to protect yourself against identity

theft-- reportedly one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation.

Sorry, but papers from businesses, schools, institutions or commercial enterprises will not be accepted.

The best documents to shred include old paperwork and bills that bear personal identifying information such as name, address, phone number, credit card number or social security number. Examples include: junk mail, old utility bills, expired credit cards and receipts, old tax returns or any other documents containing identifying information.

Come prepared. Remove all metal clips, fasteners, binders, folders and hard covers and place the papers loosely in a box. Hard covers - cardboard or plastic covers on items such as ledger books, marble composition books and hard-cover books cannot be shredded and will be turned away. Residents must rip pages out from hard cover books for shredding and throw the covers in their regular household trash. Up to four boxes of papers are allowed per person.

For more information about identity theft, call the Dept. of Consumer Protection (914) 995-2155. For questions about recycling, call 211, the Recycling HelpLine.

GPTF Attends Webinar on Home Energy Efficiency Retrofitting



The GPTF learned how [Babylon, NY](#) became a nationally recognized municipality for successfully launching their home energy efficiency retrofit program by attending an informational two hour webinar last week. (A webinar is basically an online seminar.)

The session, presented by the Babylon Project in partnership with [ICLEI](#), took more than 100 participants through step - by-step procedures for setting up a municipally-run residential retrofit program in their areas.

Steve Bellone, President of the Babylon Project, explained what went into creating his Green Homes program and answered specific questions.

Under his Long Island Green Homes Program, Babylon residents are making energy efficient improvements to their homes at little or no cost and *without* assuming new debt. This innovative new program will help combat global warming in Babylon alone by reducing carbon emissions by 65,000-130,000 tons, reducing energy costs for homeowners and creating 6,600 new green collar jobs.

The area of home energy efficiency is just one of the many initiatives the Green Policy Task Force is exploring as we work toward presenting legislation to bring Yonkers "up to code" in our modern and changing world.

Join ICLEI for future sessions in the Residential Financing Series by clicking on the date:

[July 23](#) - Cambridge Energy Alliance

[July 30](#)

- BerkeleyFIRST

[August 4](#) - Boulder County's ClimateSmart Loan Program

[August 13](#) - Setting Up a City-Scale Retrofit Program

Leaf Blower Ban

While the Mayor temporarily lifted the City Council's seasonal leaf blower ban to deal with storm clean up, you are encouraged to call Code Enforcement at 914-377-6888 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to report violators once the ban is reinstated. After 6 p.m. and on weekends, you may call the Mayor's Action Center at 914-377-HELP. Violators will be fined \$250.



Recycling Tip: Newspapers, Phone Books, Junk Mail, Magazines



Do: Recycle all weekly and daily newspapers, including their glossy inserts.

Recycle all outdated phone books, magazines, brochures, catalogs, colored and glossy periodicals and junk mail (letters, all types of envelopes and promotional advertisements).

How: Place these items in a brown paper bag or loose in the recycling bin.

Don't: Place in plastic bags. Don't recycle paperback or hardcover books. Try donating books to a library or charity.

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This eblast is provided by the Yonkers City Council's Green Policy Task Force. The Task Force meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of City Hall. If you know of others in the environmental community who would like to receive this news or attend meetings, please email laura.fahrenthold@yonkersny.gov

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